

## 2021 C420 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 14-17, 2021

Organizing Authority (OA): Rochester Yacht Club in conjunction with the Club 420 Association  
Rochester Yacht Club – Rochester, NY - USA

### NOTICE OF RACE

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*The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Class Rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association.
- 1.2 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only prescriptions that will apply:  
RRS 32, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, Appendix R and Appendix V.
- 1.3 [DP] [NP] All coach and support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running.
- 1.4 All competitors shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured, at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This is added to RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.5 [NP] No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, nicotine, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from Rochester Yacht Club. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the event. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.
- 1.6 [NP] All competitors, parents, and coaches will be required to follow all local, county, state and federal regulations regarding health and safety. Additionally, the OA and Club 420 Class may choose to impose additional regulations at their discretion. These additional regulations will be posted in the form of an amendment to the NOR.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available July 11, 2021 at 0930 on the event website and during onsite check-in.  
<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/O5HJEOLG1/class>

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 [DP] All coach and support vessels shall carry a working VHF capable of communicating on standard channels.
- 3.2 Judges may fly a "Judge" or a "J" Flag.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 Association.
- 4.2 All competitors (both skipper and crew) must be current members of the Club 420 Association.
- 4.3 Individuals who will be twenty-two years or older in 2021 are not eligible to compete in this event.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may only enter by completing the online entry form on the event website listed above.
- 4.5 All competitors must sign a Release of Liability to participate in the event. Those competitors under the age of 18 must have their Release of Liability signed by a parent or guardian.
- 4.6 No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received.
- 4.7 Registrations are initially capped at 75 boats. Subsequent entries may be added to a waitlist and confirmed on a rolling basis.
- 4.8 Registration will open April 14, 2021.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$375 USD if paid before June 15, 2021. Any refunded fees will incur a nominal administrative fee.
- 5.2 A late fee of \$50 USD will be assessed for any entries received on or after June 15, 2021.
- 5.3 Entry fees are non-refundable on or after July 1, 2021.

## 6 SCHEDULE

Competitors may arrive to Rochester Yacht Club no earlier than Monday July 12, 2021.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
July 13	Check in	0900-1800
July 14 – July 16	0900	Coaches and Competitors Briefing
	1030	Harbor Start
	1200	First warning signal
	After racing	TBD
July 17	0900	Coaches and Competitors Briefing
	1030	Harbor Start
	1200	First warning signal
	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time
	After racing	Awards

## 7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 [NP] Every skipper must complete and submit a signed Inspection Checklist prior to participation in the event at check-in. These forms will be available at the check-in desk and on the event website.
- 7.2 All boats are subject to safety inspection at any time during the event.

## 8 VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will take place on Lake Ontario northeast of the Genesee River Piers. For additional information on the venue, please visit the RYC website [www.rochesteryc.com](http://www.rochesteryc.com).
- 8.2 Attachment A shows the approximate location of RYC and the intended racing area.

## 9 COURSES

Windward/leeward or trapezoid type courses will be sailed and described in the SIs.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall apply.

## 11 SCORING

- 11.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 When four or less races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 [DP] [NP] Coach and support vessels are required register online or at check in and pay a \$20 deposit for a support vessel flag. Such vessels shall list all sailors associated with that vessel and must conspicuously display their flag at all times.
- 12.2 [DP] [NP] Coach and support vessels shall remain a minimum of 100 yards from the course area except when asked to assist.
- 12.3 [DP] [NP] Coach and support vessels are required to monitor the RC VHF channel and assist with safety when asked.
- 12.4 [NP] Each competitor under 18 shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 12.5 [DP] [NP] Parents/guardians/or competitors 18 or over at the time of the start of the event are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the competitors, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.
- 12.6 [NP] For each competitor under 18, it is the competitor's parents' (or designated adult) decision to enter the event and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 12.7 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the event.

**13 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS Appendix G3.

**14 BERTHING**

[DP] [NP] If assigned by the OA, boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat yard.

**15 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

**16 PRIZES**

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to first place through fifth place.
- 16.2 The top placing Junior team in which both skipper and crew are under 17 throughout 2021.
- 16.3 The top placing team overall will be crowned the 2021 C420 North American Champions.

**17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Event Chair:	Alan Winchester	<a href="mailto:awinchester@harrisbeach.com">awinchester@harrisbeach.com</a>	
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### Attachment A – Venue

Rochester Yacht Club is located at the red pinned area.  
The racing area will be in the vicinity of the yellow circled area.

